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Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following new paragraph at the first line of the first page of the specification after the title.

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Please amend the first paragraph on page 63 as follows:

Examples of the softener include process oils such as petroleum process oils, which inculde paraffinic oil, naphthenic process oil, aromatic process oil, and the like.